

**MINUTES OF SAWGA MEMBERSHIP MEET
OCTOBER 10, 2025**

The meeting was called to order by President Ronna Ricco at 9:07 am at the Wadermere club house. She thanked Herb Brown and his staff for making the venue available and getting everything set up for us.

A quorum of members was confirmed.

The officers introduced themselves (President Ronna Ricco, Secretary Ro Bury and Treasurer Teri Zollinger) along with parliamentarian Leslie Sevigney and her trainee, Susan Conard. Vice President Jacki Blumenthal was absent.

Club Representatives and proxies introduced themselves.

Debbie Zimmerman moved that the minutes from the spring meeting be adopted as posted to the SAWGA website. Cheryl Hull seconded, and it was unanimously approved.

Teri Zollinger gave the treasurer's report. (See attached Income and Expense Statement). The year-end balance is up \$600 from last year. She reminded everyone to turn in their SAWGA certificates. Jackie Babin moved that the I & E Statement be approved. Sue Meyer seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

Ronna asked for Standing Chair Reports.

Sweeps 1-3 chair report was given by Debbie Zimmerman in Susie Luby's absence. Debbie thanked 4-6 chair Julie Herro (who is retiring) for her many years of service. Debbie discussed a few glitches with pairings and late entries but most were minor. She reminded everyone that the deadlines for entries are firm.

Sweeps 4-6 chair Julie Herro mentioned that participation was down from previous years. Speed of play still needs some work, but overall it was a good year.

The Numerica Cup report was given by Jackie Babin in Jen Simpson's absence. A couple of minor glitches arose but are being worked on. She also reported that it was a good year and congratulated the winners of gross (Liberty Lake) and net (Meadowwood).

The Scramble Tournament co-chair (Sue Meyer) reported they had 120 players this year and still have \$965.00 in outstanding certificates. The date may be moved from June to July in 2026.

Taryn Hutchins, the web coordinator was absent as her mother is ailing. Ronna asked that if anyone needs to address the SAWGA website they contact Taryn or Laura Bossart.

The SAWGA Championship co-chairs reported on the tournament. Dona Forester said everything went smoothly except for a miscommunication at the luncheon site. There were 17 people on the committee; 112 people participated; 60% received a payout. There were 80 ladies at the banquet. There is \$1,200 left over which will be moved to the general fund. Co-chair Patti Smith mentioned there was some confusion over a rule during the tournament that resulted in a DQ. If there are questions during play, please play a second ball, circle the hole in dispute and make sure a pro is consulted before signing your card.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Jackie Babin reported there are 3 Friday events in June (2 Numerica Cups and the SAWGA Scramble). Jackie made a motion to move the Scramble from June 12th to July 10th. Karen Madison seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved.
2. Sue Meyer gave the Meadowwood probation update. The club requests that they be welcomed as permanent members. Karen Madison so moved, and Jackie Babin seconded. The motion was passed unanimously.
3. Ronna Ricco announced that the standardized payouts for Sweeps and the SAWGA Championship tournament are on the website. Sweeps had a cash carryover this year.
4. Teri Zollinger reported that a VENMO account has been set up for SAWGA. Because it's a business, there was a \$40 fee. She explained the complicated process to get it set up, but people like using it, and it works well. 20% of the championship tournament players used it. It remains an option, and she'll continue to use it. Sweeps representatives need to email their list of players to her personally when paying through VENMO. There is an app available for VENMO.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Should we carry over \$6,000 in the SAWGA general account? Teri researched the issue. The IRS says 6K isn't out of line. Businesses should keep 2 years operating expenses in their accounts.

Options for reducing the amount include cutting dues by half to \$15 which would result in a net loss of 4K if we maintain our membership at 210. Or we could increase the sweeps payout for 2026 only by \$10 which would result in a net loss of 3K.

Teri is concerned about the confusions that may result in changing things. Ronna recommended taking the issue back to the clubs for discussion. Darcia Waples gave a history of dues increased. There was more discussion. Linda Metcalf made a motion that SAWGA dues be reduced from \$30 to \$25. Nancy Johnson seconded, and it was unanimously approved.

2. Ronna Ricco started a discussion about combining 1-3 and 4-6 Sweeps at 1 course. Concerns are the number of carts required, parking and length of rounds. It was noted, that if some of the pros vote "No," the point is moot. Mary Duhon suggested each club talk to their pro about allowing combined Sweeps and whether they could provide enough carts and a marshal. The issue was tabled and will be revisited after discussion with all of the pros.
3. Debbie Zimmerman mentioned that Susie Luby wants to keep the time clocks but do away with the time sheets. Jackie Babin recommended situating the clocks on holes number 1, 10 and near the 18th green. After much discussion, the sweeps chairs were asked to figure out the process, and the clubs were asked to encourage our players to keep up with the 4-some ahead of them.
4. Ronna mentioned we aren't using the USGA process for ties. She will correct the language on our forms.
5. There was a long discussion about developing a forward tee option for players over the age of 70. The Coeur d'Alene public course's option also includes a certain minimum handicap and an inability to hit a drive more than 140 yards. These ladies who opt in are in a separate flight. Suggestions included removing the age restriction if all other factors were present and also having a player commit to playing the forward tees for at least a full year. Ronna recommended that a subcommittee be formed to study the issues and bring them back in the future. Volunteers were Nancy Blakeney, Renee Reed and Ronna Ricco.
6. 2026 Championship Tournament will be chaired by Nancy Johnson. Lori Walker will assist. There is a problem with the 3 day schedule. Downriver and Wandermere are not available on Wednesday; both are available Tuesday. Chewelah might be available on Wednesday. The committee will figure it out.
7. GHIN fees are going up to \$42 from \$39.
8. Per Ronna, Mark Poirier told her the city course fees are also going up. No discount cards will be available to purchase until late December.

The new slate of officers was nominated for approval by Nancy Johnson; seconded by Karen Madison, and unanimously approved.

President: Jacki Blumenthal, Kalispell CC

Vice President: Renee Read, Liberty Lake

Secretary: Ellie Sarb, Deer Park

Treasurer: Teri Zollinger, Latah Creek

The draws for the Numerica Cup Divisions were made.

The spring meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 6, 2026 at Wandermere.

Ronna thanked her board and retiring officers and chairs, Ro Bury, Jackie Babin, Julie Herro and Leslie Sevigney.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:58.

Submitted by:

Ro Bury, Secretary